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\$200,000 available for Moose Plate conservation grants

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The State Conservation Committee announced today that it is seeking grant applications from towns, cities, nonprofits, and other organizations engaged in natural resource conservation projects.

"Since 2002, the State Conservation Committee has awarded over \$427,000 to 41 towns and organizations to support soil, water, wildlife habitat, and other natural resource conservation projects throughout the state," said Michele L. Tremblay, Executive Director, State Conservation Committee. "These grants have leveraged tremendous local money and other resources as well as federal and foundation funding."

Each time a NH citizen purchases or renews his or her car registration with a Moose Plate, a portion of the registration fee goes to the State Conservation Committee for its Moose Plate Grant Program. The grant program is open to county Conservation Districts, Cooperative Extension natural resource programs, municipal conservation agencies, schools, scout groups, and other nonprofit entities engaged in natural resource conservation programs.

"This funding wouldn't be possible without the support of NH citizens purchasing 'Moose Plate' license plates," said Peter Blakeman, State Conservation Committee Chair.

Since 1945, the State Conservation Committee, a NH state government agency, has provided inter-agency natural resource coordination and oversight of and support to New Hampshire's ten County Conservation Districts. Governor Lynch recently signed a proclamation commemorating the 60th anniversary of NH's Conservation Districts this year.

To download the grant application for further information on Moose Plates and how you can change your vehicle's registration to the program, visit www.mooseplate.com.